

REMARKS

In response to the Office Action dated November 10, 2003, Applicants respectfully request favorable reconsideration based on the foregoing claim amendments and the following remarks. Applicants respectfully submit that the claims as presented are in condition for allowance.

In the Office Action, Claims 1-41 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,504,907 to Farris et al. Applicants respectfully traverse the rejections as follows.

Claims 1, 10, 19, 32, 37 and 41

Applicants have amended Claim 1 to clarify that the method includes, “storing at least one of the one or more dial digits in a table within the database, wherein the table relates to how recently the telecommunication call records were transmitted from the remote telecommunication device; and searching the database for one or more dial digits associated with a telecommunication system.” Applicants submit that Farris fails to anticipate amended Claim 1 for at least the following reasons. First, Applicants submit that Farris fails to disclose, “storing at least one of the one or more dial digits in a table within the database, wherein the table relates to how recently the telecommunication call records were transmitted from the remote telecommunication device,” as recited in amended Claim 1. Second, Applicants submit that Farris fails to disclose, “searching the database for one or more dial digits associated with a telecommunication system,” as recited in amended Claim 1. Therefore, Applicants submit that Claim 1 and Claims 2-9, which depend from Claim 1, are not anticipated by Farris and are in condition for allowance.

Applicants have amended Claims 10, 19, 32, 37 and 41 to include features similar to those in amended Claim 1. Therefore, Applicants submit that amended Claims 10, 19, 32, 37 and 41, as well as their respective dependent claims 11-18, 20-26, 38 and 39 are not anticipated by Farris and are in condition for allowance.

Claim 27

Applicants respectfully submit that Farris fails to anticipate Claim 27 for at least the following reasons. First, Farris does not disclose, “inputting into the computer system an identifier,” as recited in Claim 27. Second, Farris does not disclose, “generating a report based on the identifier,” as recited in Claim 27. Therefore, Applicants submit that Claim 27, and Claims 28-31, which depend from Claim 27, are not anticipated by Farris and are in condition for allowance.

Claim 33

Applicants have amended Claim 33 to exclude the following feature from the Markush group, “establishing a communication session with the telecommunication switch input circuit.” Applicants respectfully submit that Farris fails to anticipate amended Claim 33 for at least the following reasons. First, Farris does not disclose, “a switch master in communication with the telecommunication switch,” as recited in amended Claim 33. Second, Farris does not disclose:

one or more sets of computer instructions configured to be executed by the computing system, the one or more sets of computer instructions being operative with the computing system to perform acts selected from the group consisting of setting one or more storage tables to a known state, checking the status of the one or more sets of executing computer instructions, providing a real-time summary of the telecommunication call records, providing an output report based on a telecommunication device number, providing an output report based on a telecommunication device identification number, and providing an output report based on a number of digits dialed by the telecommunication device.

as recited in amended Claim 33. Therefore, Applicants submit that Claim 33 and Claims 34-36, which depend from Claim 33, are not anticipated by Farris and are in condition for allowance.

Claim 40

Applicants have amended Claim 40 to exclude the following feature from the Markush group, “establishing a communication session with the telecommunication switch input circuit.” Applicants respectfully submit that Farris fails to anticipate amended Claim 40 because Farris does not disclose, among other things:

one or more sets of computer instructions configured to be executed by the computing system, the one or more sets of computer instructions being operative with the computing system to perform acts selected from the group consisting of setting one or more storage tables to a known state, checking the status of the one or more sets of executing computer instructions, providing a real-time summary of the telecommunication call records, providing an output report based on a telecommunication device number, providing an output report based on a telecommunication device identification number, and providing an output report based on a number of digits dialed by the telecommunication device.

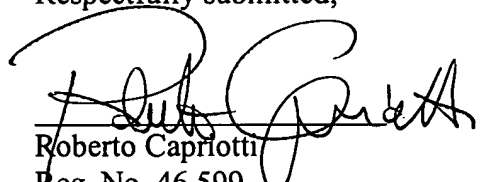
as recited in amended Claim 40. Therefore, Applicants assert that Claim 40 is not anticipated by Farris and is in condition for allowance.

Applicants are not otherwise conceding, however, the correctness of the Office’s rejection with respect to any of the dependent claims discussed above and hereby reserves the right to make additional arguments as may be necessary because the dependent claims include additional features that further distinguish the claims from the cited references, taken alone or in combination. A detailed discussion of these differences is believed to be unnecessary at this time in view of the basic differences in the independent claims pointed out above.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully request a Notice of Allowance for the pending claims in the present application. If the Examiner is of the opinion that the present application is in condition for disposition other than allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below in order that the Examiner's concerns may be expeditiously addressed.

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